

## **Barnham Parish Council**

Chairman: Cllr John Bauer. Vice Chair: Cllr Ed Wyer

Councillors are summoned to attend the Meeting of Bardwell Parish Council to be held on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 7.00pm  
Venue: Barnham Village Hall, Mill Lane, Barnham IP24 2NG

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

*The Council, members of the public and press may record this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded. Recording which is deemed to be causing a disruption to the meeting must immediately cease at the request of the Chairman.*

### **Agenda**

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** and requests for approval for absence.
- 2. To receive declarations of interests** and to consider requests, not already received and determined, for dispensations relating to matters on this agenda.
- 3. To approve minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- 4. Public Forum**

#### **5. Reports**

- 5.1 Mr S Telfer: Barnham Heath Residents' Representative
- 5.2 Suffolk County Councillor, Joanna Spicer MBE  
To include update re: North Farm Quarry Restoration.
- 5.3 West Suffolk District Councillor, Andrew Smith

#### **6. Highways Matters**

Footpath from opposite 1 St Martin's Lane/The Street to the Village Green Triangle.  
To consider concerns raised by resident regarding requisite maintenance of footpath due to overhanging branches and encroaching vegetation. Residents have been informed by Suffolk County Council that the work previously carried out results in the footpath meeting their highways operational plan. Additional information attached.

#### **7. To receive reports from Parish Councillors:**

- 7.1 Police Liaison Cllr Belsham  
*To note public meetings "Your Police Your Say" are being held across the County during September/ October and online (6<sup>th</sup> November) Details attached*
- 7.2 Barnham Primary School Cllr Hawthorn
- 7.3 Community Engagement Cllr Helen Beck
- 7.4 Play Park Cllr Watson/Clerk
- 7.5 RAF Liaison Cllr Wyer  
*To receive report received from Station Engagement Officer, Sqdn Ldr Dave Williams (attached).*
- 7.6 Barnham Village Hall Liaison Cllr Hawthorn

#### **Planning Matters:**

*Barnham Parish Council has received consultation documents from West Suffolk Council for consideration (items 8 and 9)*

#### **8. DC/24/0481/FUL | Honeysuckle Farm Thetford Road Barnham Suffolk IP24 2PA**

Planning application - change of use of land from agricultural land to storage and distribution (class B8) associated with planning permission -  
DC/23/0445/FUL | (Response required 11<sup>th</sup> September)

#### **9. DC/24/1227/TCA | The Old Parsonage, Church Lane Barnham Suffolk IP24 2NB.**

Trees in a conservation area notification - a. one Silver Birch (T1) and one Horse chestnut (T6) fell b. two Lime (T3 and T4) remove epicormic growth c. one Silver birch

(T2) overall crown reduction by two metres d. one Sycamore (T5) reduce branch growing into liquidambar by up to 2.5 metres e. one Silver birch (T7) overall crown reduction by up to three metres f. one Hazel (T8) overall crown reduction by up to 1.5 metres g. one Ash (T9) target pruning of over extended long limbs by up to four metres h. Group of shrubs (T10) reduce by up to two metres | (Response required by 17<sup>th</sup> September)

*Other Planning Matters (items 10, 11, 12)*

**10. NRG Appeal Update:** To note that the decision date is not yet available

**11. NPPF Consultation:** Additional guidance from SALC is expected 7<sup>th</sup> September and will be circulated on receipt.

**12. North Farm Quarry Restoration:**

Following the update/report from Cllr Spicer, to consider whether any action is required by the Parish Council at this time.

**13. Grounds Maintenance Review:** Grass cutting – Review of work carried out to-date by Vertas – first year of contract.

**14. Moles:** To note that annual contract is now due for renewal (1<sup>st</sup> September). To review year to date and consider future arrangements. (Details attached)

**15. Insurance** is due for renewal 1<sup>st</sup> October. The policy is currently arranged through Clear Councils – the insurer is Aviva Insurance Ltd.  
Renewal premium £455.78 (23/24 £368.91).  
The Clerk/RFO is seeking alternative quotations despite this being year 1 of a 3 year 'deal'.

**16. Village Maintenance**

Should consideration be given to the formation of a regular village work party? Other villages locally are successfully running such groups to various degrees. Clerk's report will expand on the details.

**17. Clerk's Report** to include Clock refurbishment progress

**18. Finance**

18.i Financial Report

18.ii Invoices for payment

18.iii To consider future financial requirements – budget 2025/26

**19. Lap Top Computer: To consider replacement purchase** (see clerk's report)

**Proposal:** 17" HP laptop sufficient for parish council requirements including 1 year's Norton antivirus and transfer of data from existing lap top, supplied by 121 Computers, Diss. **Total cost £529** inclusive of vat.

If agreed the Clerk also requests permission to purchase a protective sleeve or carrying case **Computer reserve balance is currently £900**

**Printer:** to note that the parish council's HP printer is no longer working.

Does the parish council wish to consider a repair?

**20. Correspondence/Diary dates**

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Rural and Community Led Housing (previously circulated)

16<sup>th</sup> October CAB (West) AGM (circulated)

**21. Requests for items for inclusion on the next agenda.**

**22. Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Agenda issued 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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